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JOHN RUDDEN.

HOW HE SPENT CHRISTMAS EFE,

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CHAPTER I.

The snow hard fallen all that afternoon, and when night came it covered the roofs and streets of the city. It was heaped up against the window-paneghrough which the bright light streamed, it crusched under the foot of the lamp-lighter as heaper up the control of the composition of the composition of the composition of the lamp-lighter as heartfeed along, leaving a long row of merry lights behind him, and it glutened under the lights at if over fake was a parking som. The ruddy

it eranched under the foot of the lamp-lightier as he hurried along, leaving a long row of merry lights behind him, and it sitstened under the lights as if every fake was a sparkling gom. The ruddy light flowed from the windows of shops and houses, and was reflected in the happy faces of the people hurrying this way and that way through the streets to their houses. Away up in the sky he lights of the city were reflected. In the country outside the snow fell aliently, through gloomy darkness, but over the city the bright flakeerdanced merrily in a ruddy healtway, glowing with the light reflected from a thousand lamps, a thousand windows, and a thousand Christmas hearths—the limitumerable lights of the city. The snow fell over many happy homes in that city, and many dreary, desolate homes, where Christmas Ever meant cold, and misery, and hunger; while other people were warm, and merry, and feasting.

There was no cosize or happier spot in the whole city than John Rudden's little home. At least so John thought, as he sat in a comfortable chair by the fire, and his eyes followed his hury little wife as she tripped gally about, making ready for Christmas Day. Her presty head, with the blue eyes and clusters of golden hair, the half-girlish, half-womanly face, the neat little fisters and her demure, mastronly way, hat she had the care of a very large family on her presty shoulders and was proud of it, made a very nice picture for John to look at, and he could hardly help being happy with such a good little woman for a wife. Not until everything had been done, and some things had been done over two or three times, did Annie, leave the big turkey lying in state on the kitchen table, flanked by a row of pies, and closely attended by fregrant celery, and red-cheeked apples, and crimon berries, and awarthy potatose, and other bounties to be served up in royal style on the morrow. Then she sat down by John's side and chatted about 5 why sister Jennie, and her berother Dick, and couss william, and his wife, and Auntraby and bounties to be served up his royal style on the morrow. Then she said own by John's side and chated about John's sider Jonne, and her brother Dick, and cousin William, and his wife, and Auni Tabby, all of whom were conjug to, speed the Christmas with them; and they chatted about what they did last Christmas and what they used to do at Christmas time when they were children. Then John and Annie side softly upstairs to the side of a little bed, and looked down at a tiny, golden-haired beauty, sleeping there, bed, John brushed the hair from the little, force heed with his big hand, and stoeped and kissed it very gently, so as not to wake little kill. There was a stocking to fill, but it was such a little bit of a stocking that John and Annie could not squeeze into it one-tenth of the store of playthings and sweetments and candies ready for it. Then John and Annie went down stairs again, and Annie so did not squeeze into it one-tenth of the store of playthings and sweetments and candies ready for it. Then John and Annie would not squeeze into it one-tenth of the store of playthings and sweetments and candies ready for it. Then John and Annie would not squeeze into it one-tenth of the store of playthings and sweetments and candies ready for it. Then John and Annie would come to a long word which he could not squeeze into it one-tenth of the store of playthings and sweetments and candies ready for it. Then John and Annie would come to a long word which he could not squeeze into it one-tenth of the store of playthings and sweetments and candies ready for it. Then John and Annie would come to a long word which he could not squeeze into it one-tenth of the store of playthings and sweetments and candies ready for it. Then John and Annie would come to a long word which he could not squeeze into it one-tenth of the store of playthings and sweetments and candies ready for it. Then John and they would be had a large failed himself with his own thoughts. He thought how happy he could be with Annie and little kill. The was onl

In Another Christmas are, and again in John Rudden's house. But Anule is not there, and it seems as though all the cheery light was gone. John size by the fire alone that ulght. Unhappy John Rudden's Region of the seems are without the seems and was a stronged and seems a leave that ulght. Unhappy John Rudden's Region of the seems are watches the black coals grow red, and the red coast turn to sake and old storp now, and the red coast turn to sake and cold storp now, and the coast turn to sake and cold storp now, and the coast turn to sake and cold storp now, and the red coast turn to sake and cold storp now, and the coast turn to sake and cold storp now, and the coast has been to sake and cold storp now, and the coast has been to sake and cold storp now, and the red coast turn to sake and refer ward; he had that sake the sake the red to sake and the sake and come was gone. He waited and watched that night come now things to take about you not come to sake and the sake that the sake the red to sake and the sake and the sake the red to sake and the sake the red to sake and the sake the red to sake and the sake and the sake the red to sake and the sake and the sake the red to sake and the sake the red to sake and the

wild cry.

CHAFTER III.

After that little Lill used to cliesh into John's lap every night, and, tiring berself with her childish pratiting, fall asseep on his broad bosom. Then John would kies the little one and carry her upsairs to bad. One day John saw Percy Crawford in the street. His hands clouched havoluntarily, the street of the For Crawford furnish and saw the man that he below in 150 mild and saw the man that he below in 150 mild and saw the man that he blow in 150 mild and saw the man that he blow in 150 mild and strike. He said eagerst sigh of reliar "I don't know, replied Ferrice. He said eagerst sigh of reliar Through the same of the war in the control of the same of the

ble bean, staring like some stricken beast. Oh! how could you have done it, John?

CHAPTER IV.

John always tried to be cheerful, but there was something and even in his smile. At night, when he was locked in his cell; inclosed by its four bare stone walls the old cry kept coming to his care, and he would write he minimizer who was very smile the old cry hept coming to his care, and he would write he minimizer who was very smile cheplain. He was not much older than John, but he hair, which had become prensiturely gray, and the gravity of his handsome face, made him seem much older. That cheplain was very good and genile. He was the only man that could move about among the housand convicts in that grass prison without being cursed. In that grass prison without being cursed. In that grass prison without being cursed. He was the only care face. John regarded him as an older brother. One day, when his load of agony was greater than he could bear, to told the chaplain all his wretched story. It struck the chaplain had been bright, Al least he thought that had her her had been the hought that had her were have brought in a verdict of guilty. But he was held to the head of the head went and went quietify on his duties about the prison. One day he came back to John with his handscene face bright with smiles. John had been pardoned, and he came to bring the news.

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CHAPTER V.

As soon as John was released be hestened back to his home. He could still hear Annie's voice calling him. What if she were dead? God forbid! He resolved not to rest until he found her. The little home was deserted. No one knew where Annie was. His brain was fevered; he felt that he would die if he did not find her. Days passed, and it seemed to John that every day took a year from his life. Where is also supported by the seemed to John that every day took a year from his life. Where is a because the loved to tarry. That was at the entrance to the court-house, the spot where he had last seem her. He seemed to have a vague impression that afte would come back there some day to meet him. One day an old woman, who kept a stand by the steps, dopped John and asked him if his napse was Rudden.

you could make that home again, you would go in instead of arrivelsing out your white hashed board them and starting in that terribbe way, with your white hase and your they parted, as if you were about to let out all the agony of your heart in one wild ery.

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THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

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Congress.

The Diplomatic Appropriation Bill.

Messrs. Singleton, Hewitt of New York, and
Rale, the sub-committee of the House Appropria Hale, the sub-committee of the House Appropriation Committee, having in charge the consuler and diplomatic appropriation bill, will begin work immediately after christmas. It is the purpose of the committee not only not to avoid adding to the amount appropriated by the Forty-fourth Congress, but to reduce wherever it may prove possible. The communication to the chairman of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs on the subject of new legislation in connection with this particular appropriation bill, the destree of the Appropriation Committee being to abolish some of the minor missions and consulates.

The following dispatch from Gen. Ore eached the War Department yesterday, through he regular military channels, confirming previous

s and northern lights are all truthfully represented. Then the sea of ice breaks up, the cakes float away, and finally disappear, leaving nothing but the rolling sea. All the modern improvements in stage from the control of the con

ALL SORTS.

PORT CONCRO, Texas, has a white buffalo Duntique, Iowa, claims to have spont \$700, THE sale of the Eric Rallway is advertised take place January 21 next. The number of hogs killed at Louisville, Ky., since November sums up to about 212,000.

The only female convict in the Nebraska state prison burnt her way out a few nights since

CALVIN FIRMEZ, aged fourteen years, he

"LET us sing 'I Would Not Live Alway, marked a clergyman at a recent funeral; "it w ways a great favorite with the remains."

A Man by the name of Henry Clay was besten to doubt the other day, in Cheinauth, by the wife, with a poker. Henry was reguled an expert at that game once, but we never before knew that his wife was addicted to it.

RECORD OF CRIME.

VARIED CHAPTER OF EVIL DEEDS. turders, Lynch Law, Mollie Magnires, Fo

geries, Felonies, Swindles, &c. THE QUINCY BOND COUNTERPRITERS.
NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—William Muir, vas arrested on Satorday, charged, with others ing concerned in utterling Quincy (III.) from the was admitted to bell to-day in \$10,000.

conds, was admitted to built to-day in \$10,000.

A NUME STANGE BY A MOS.

LOUISVILLE, Dec. 24.—An unknown negro was unin near Nicholasville, Ky., this morning by a nob. Ifts crime was attempting te marder John bentun, a groser, of East Hickman, into whose ead, the drove an ax while Dentum was selling.

New York, Dec. 24.—Commissioners Matterson have warned the banks not hecks signed by Commissioner Murphy, soliding treasurer. BRUTAL WIPE-MURDER.

Alleged Spanish Victories.

Havaya, Dec. 24.—An official telegram from Sancti Spiritus says: "Sixty-sight Insurgents surgendered yesterday in the Central Department, Among them were the wife and family of Maximo formed to the Spanish of Maximo formed the Spanish of Cuba or outside, according to their viahes." To day forty six surronders were resorted in the Central Department.

month the schooner Henry Farker, with a cargo of sugar, consigned to Tate, Muller & Co., arrived at this port from Demeriers. The sugar was warehoused in the usual way, he remain until application; the cargo being of the same nature as that brought by the bark Maniton and the brig Mississippi. It was generally supposed it would be case now pending in the United States Circuit Court had been judicially passed upon and the question of artificially-solored sugar finally decided. In the meantime the cargo had been sampled, and on fastificially-solored sugar finally decided. In the meantime the cargo had been sampled, and on saturday Messrs. Tate, Muller & Co., made application to withdraw it for consumption of affairs, and orders had been issued to seize the sugar when application to withdraw it by the owners was made, which orders have been curried fine office by a formal science of the sugar when application to withdraw it by the owners was made, which orders have been curried fine office by a formal science of the sugar. Massrs. Tate, Muller & Co., will now proceed as they distincted the duty on the cargo said apply in the United States Circuit Court for an appraisement of the value and give bonds for its withdrawal.

their glasses on they cannot see half as well as without them."

The shipments of oil from Pittsburg during so without them."

The shipments of oil from Pittsburg during so with the agregated 171.869 barrels. The total stock in the producing regions at the close of November was 241.798 barrels, against 2504.012 barrels at the close of October, showing a decrease of 32.14 barrels, for the mouth, and 485.204 barrels is that the corresponding mouth hast year.

The Deroit Free Press drops into the prize-ring style in reporting Conkling's little difference with the President, thus: "Round frest-Hayes gets in one under the left peoper, and Conkling goes to grass. Round second—both parties come in panishing, and after a foint Conkling shoots the properties. To be continued."

A BOX containing a ferocious-looking more matisfied that the criminal suit was brought under a misapprehension. The executive head has no arright or power to interfere with the judicial department of the proveniment or its processed that a sole process to ensured the decrease on the ground that the facts fully vindicate you.

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Prof. A. E. Nordenskiold has made an elaborate and instructive report to the Swedish government concerning his proposed voyage to the Polar regions next year. He bogins by declaring that the expeditions to the Arctic seas sent out by Sweden during the last century have long ago acquired a real national significance. The Swedish people, in common with all other civilized nations, have taken a deep interest in the researches. Governments and individuals, awars of the grand scientific results, the vest increase in the general knowledge of geography, the wealth of Arctic products, have spaniary sums of money to fit out vessels for the far North. To the discoveries of the past the explorer of the future may add great practical interest properties of the far the future may add great practical interest in the sent and warrus trade and the condition for harding them; immens supplies of fish have been discovered near the shores of Spitzburgen; on Bestra extreasive strain of coal and phosphate have been found, which may some day be of great value, and fanally the great problem of navigating even to the frontier of China, via the siberian diverse of a fanally the great problem of navigating even to the frontier of China, via the siberian diverse of a fanally the great problem of navigating even to the frontier of China, via the siberian diverse of a fanally the great problem of navigating of exploration, which, he wentures to assert, promises to add much to our scientific knowledge.

FROM ACROSS THE OCEAN.

THE WAR.

CHANGE OF THE RUSSIAN READQUARTERS
BUCHAREST, Doc. 24.—It is expected this
se Russian headquarters will shortly be tran
creed from Bogot to Selvi, which is about fwent;
we miles southeast of the former place.

EGYPTIAN REINFORCEMENTS.

ALEXANDRIA, Dec. 24.—Half of the Exyptian ngent, destuned to reinforce the Turkish at it. here this morning, it is rumared, for C he troops were mostly blacks.

SERVIANS SEVERRLY REPULSED.

RUSSIAN REINFORCEMENTS COMING UP,

TOPPOS, Dec. Sh.—The Viennia correspondent of
the comparison of the

ENGLAND.

A NEUTBALITY MEMORIAL LONDON, Dec. 24.-The Edinburgh Char mmerce to-day agreed to me ent to continue its neutrality

THE BRITISH PLEET.

Foreign Political Straws, munt, Dec., 24.—Prince Gortschake and the direction of the Ministry of Foreig General Ignation has been appointed of the Council of the Empire.

Return of the Czar to St. Petersburg. The St. Petersburg correspondent of the London

burned:

Secondaries by gladsome cheers, which drown for the time the sate in undertone of mothers bereit of sons, wives mourning for husbands, siders with the sate in the sa

The Casr advances to the altar and assess to a very Virgiu.

"On his return to the floor of the cathedral the crowd breaks all restraint. It envelops him. The people fall down and kiss his garments. So great is the pressure that it is with great delay that fills impecial Majesty can reach his carriage. "The Emperor drives to the winter palace amid the wildest cheering of the vast crowd which lines the entire road. All day long multitudes cheer before the palace and soldiers burrah at the barracks. The city glows with torches until long after midnight."

A Detroit saloon-keeper has suffered much pecuniary loss at the hands of dead-beats, and has ramacked his brain for remedy. It does not pay to knock a man down because he has no motiey, and id's he had bees struggling after. He rigged ups wire, a mouthpiece sind other parts of a telephone, and was ready for the first case, It came along yestorday morning. A well-dressed and decent-looking man called for brandy, swallowed it, and ority said:

"I'll call around and settle as soon as I get a check cashed. It right," smilled the saloonist, and he stemed back to the mouth-piece and called out:
"Chief of police, are you in?"

The best halled to hear what was going on, and the saloonist continued:

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"All right, all right," smiled the saloonist, and help saloon. Are you ready of two or three seconds.

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PATRISON, N. J., Dec. 24.—The Dale Manufacturing Company is going into liquidation. They own the largest all and it in fraterion. Deprecisation is prices of sits goods is the cause.

MONTRIAL, Bec. 24.—A special dispatch from 8t. John's quobles, cays a collision took place there this morning between a freight-train on the Grand Trunk Road and a Vernand Contral Tails, smaalling sourced cars and injuring McSab, the angine deliver.

OUR MERCHANT MARINE.

A BOY ATTEMPTS SUICIDE.

He Shoots Himself Because His Father Would Not Allow Him to Go to Sea.

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Yesterday evening, about four o'clock, Charles
Stuart, Jr., eighteen years of age, and son of
Charles Stuart, gumer in the United States Navy,
shot himself in the breast with a large navy revolver. The bell, which penetrated just below the
nipple on the left side, passed through the lungs
and lodged in the spine.

Drs. Ford, Roborts, and Keith were in attendance.

Drs. Ford, Roberts, and Keith were in attendance. They probed for the ball, but at that time could not extract it. The boy's pulse was very feeble, and the opinion of the deciors is that he is in a very critical condition. Stuart lives at No. 23 Eleventh attreat continent.

When the boy came home to dinner his father noticed that he looked sad and dejected, and asked noticed that he looked sad and dejected, and asked wanted to go to see. His father told him that he wanted to go to see.

Nore Unruly Indians.

Salt Lake, Ural, Dec. 24.—Col. John E. Smith, commanding the Fourteenth Infantry, sens to Fort Hall, Idaho, to investigate the threatened war with the Bannocks, has made a demand for a surrender of the Indian who murdered Alexander Rhoden, at Ross Fork. They promise they will deliver him, but it is not believed they will de it. The Indians were still armod, well suponted, and insolent. It is thought they will make trouble in the spring.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 24.—At Tunkchakes, fiteen miles from Yarmouth, yesterday, David Hatfield's two children and another child fall through the ice. Hatfield's family ran to the

Many of the misfortunes of women's live we their origin to vacant or disatisfied minds we women attach sufficient importance to the least one form of mental occupation other than that which forms the chief purpose of life, for a wide range of knowledge and I deas is of inesti-mable value, and may prove not only a means of re-creation and pleasure in prospersus. It mess but a source of profit said comfort where accident or mis-source of profit said comfort where accident or mis-programs to be followed.

driver.

THE COLUMNATE. Dec. 24.—Tolls. Holton & Co., whose submitted announced less week field a petition in fanitrapitry to-day in the United States Court. Liabilities, \$28,000; assets, ot low estimate, \$199,000. Most of the creditors are in New York.